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Dear Interested Citizen:

Earlier this month we sent you a letter regarding our recently completed environmental assessment (EA) for the Free & Easy 2 Forest Management Project. That letter stated that the comment period would conclude on January 10, 2001. We have decided to extend the formal comment period and it will now end on **February 12, 2001.**

As we noted in our earlier letter, we have placed the EA on our web site at <u>www.or.blm.gov/Medford</u> under planning documents/environmental assessments should you wish to review and comment on it. If you do not have Internet access and would like to receive a paper copy of the EA, we will be happy to send you one upon request.

Should you have questions about the project that are not addressed in the EA, please contact Bob Murray at (541) 618-2270. Bob is our project planning team leader. If you would like to comment on the EA, please send them to me at the above address or e-mail them to us at or110mb@or.blm.gov. As we make our decisions regarding the project, we will consider all pertinent site specific comments. We will also consider those that were sent to us regarding the earlier Free and Easy timber sale project. Comments that clearly articulate site specific issues or concerns are most useful to us.

Please keep in mind that the Free & Easy 2 project is one of many that implements our 1995 Resource Management Plan (RMP). We have designed this project so that it conforms with the objectives of the RMP and with the standards and guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan.

If you would like to comment but confidentiality is of concern to you, you may request that we withhold your name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Please state this clearly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All comments received from organizations or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

We appreciate your interest and involvement in this project and thank you for your continuing interest in the resource management activities of the Bureau of Land Management and the Grants Pass Resource Area.

Sincerely,

Abbie Jossie Field Manager

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